

THE IDLEHOUR

Matinee Daily 2:30 P. M.
Evening 7:00-8:30 P. M.

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SUNDAYS:
Continuous 2:30 to 11 P. M.

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY and TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
Monroe Salisbury —in— "The Sundown Trail" A great picture of the golden days of California—when whole communities of men lived for months without sight of a woman. Also a Christie Comedy "Shades of Shakespeare"	Olive Thomas —in— "The Spite Bride" You remember Olive Thomas in "Upstairs and Down." See her in her latest picture. You are sure to like it. Also Harold Lloyd in "Billy Blazes, Esq."	Dorothy Gish —in— "Turning the Tables" A story of crooks, spooks, lovers and lunatics. In which the screen's greatest comedienne takes the sigh from asylum and puts the toot in institution. DON'T FAIL TO SEE THIS!! Also a Mack Sennett comedy "Up in Alf's Place"	Tom Moore —in— "Toby's Bow" You park your troubles outside when you see Tom Moore in his latest photoplay. It's crammed full of giggles, smiles, laughs and roars. A story of New York high life and Southern love. Also Billy Parsons Comedy, "Bill, Behave"	Douglas Fairbanks —in— "WHEN THE CLOUDS ROLL BY" This is the best picture Fairbanks has made since "His Picture in the Papers." You just can't afford to miss it. Also Paramount Magazine Matinee—Children 11c, Adults 20c including tax. Evening—Children 15c, Adults 25c, including tax.

COMING— Wm. S. Hart in "John Petticoats"—Dorothy Dalton in "L'Apache"—Elsie Ferguson in "Counterfeit"—Eugene O'Brien in "Sealed Hearts"—Ethel Clayton in "More Deadly Than the Male."

CITY COMMISSION

Alma, Michigan,
January 20, 1920.
Regular meeting of the city commission of the city of Alma, in session at the city chambers on above date.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Charles R. Murphy at 8 o'clock p. m. Present—Commissioners Chick, Creaser and Archer.

Absent—Commissioner Glass. There being a quorum present the commission was declared to be in session.

Minutes of the preceding meetings were read and approved.

Moved by Commissioner Chick and supported by Commissioner Creaser that the following bills as read be approved and clerk instructed to issue checks in payment for same.

Yeas—Comm'r's Chick, Creaser and Archer.

Nays—None.

General Fund

F. G. Parks, labor	14 42
H. Griffin, labor	5 62
T. J. Clark, labor	32 50
Alma City Dry Cleaners, bill	2 50
Seeman & Peters, bill	2 52
James Naylor, bill	1 00
Alma Elec. & Batt. Co., bill	1 95
Glass & Hannah, bill	32 77
Claud Struble, bill	6 50
City Clerk, paid out	2 24
C. R. Murphy, bill	253 34

Highway Fund

Bert Williams, labor	2 50
Frank King, team labor	4 12
Wm. Wilson, labor	2 00
Glass & Hannah, bill	35

Water Fund

Bert Williams, labor	30 00
M. E. Parks, labor	21 37
Alma Elec. & Batt. Co., bill	1 35
Glass & Hannah, bill	2 61

Park Fund

F. M. Richards, labor	7 00
Hamilton & Derushia, bill	5 60

Sewer Fund

J. F. Schwartz, bill	8 40
F. N. Grover, labor	33 15

Comm'r Glass offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

Resolution

Whereas, all sewer maps and data on all sewers now constructed and hereafter to be constructed in the various sewer districts in the City of Alma, having been approved by the State Board at Lansing, Michigan; and

Whereas, all maps, plans, specifications and estimates for said sewers are now on file in the office of the City Clerk, and the said city now being ready to construct sewers in the said several sewer districts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the City Commission now in session, that the City Manager be, and he is hereby instructed and authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of the different and respective sewers in the said sewer districts in said city of Alma, and that each respective bid be accompanied by a certified check of five per cent (5%) of said bid; and be it further

Resolved, that the said City Commission shall have the right to reject any and all bids upon the opening and reading thereof, all of which said bids shall be filed on or before February 2nd, 1920, in the office of the said City Clerk, and opened and read February 3rd, 1920, at 9 o'clock p. m. of said day.

Comm'r Archer supports said resolution which was adopted by a yeas and nays vote as follows:

Yeas—Comm'r's Creaser, Glass and Archer.

Nays—None.

Nays—None.

Comm'r Glass offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

Resolution

Whereas, the City of Alma hereby deems it a necessary public improvement to open up South Court Avenue in said city over and across the right of way and tracks of the Ann Arbor Railroad Company, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the City Commission now in session, that the City Manager take such measures as shall be deemed necessary to open up said South Court Avenue in the said city of Alma, over and across the right-of-way and tracks of the Ann Arbor Railroad Company.

Comm'r Creaser supports the adoption of said resolution which was carried by a yeas and nays vote as follows:

Yeas—Comm'r's Chick, Creaser, Glass and Archer.

Nays: None.
Comm'r Glass appears.
Comm'r Chick asks to be excused.
Granted.

Moved by Comm'r Archer and supported by Comm'r Glass that the City Commission adjourn.

Carl E. Gallagher,
Charles R. Murphy, City Clerk.
Mayor.

WHEN SUN BEGINS TO COOL

Humanity in its Maturity Will in All Probability Be Able to Conserve Heat.

We can calculate the evolution of the temperature of the earth in the future. The sun will grow smaller and cooler. Thus in 100,000 years, when the radius of the sun has diminished by only one-hundredth part, our temperature will be not more than 20 degrees C. (78.8 degrees F.) at the equator. It will have fallen to 0 degrees C. (32 degrees F.) at the latitude 40 degrees, and at Paris it will be below zero (centigrade).

Finally, in 500,000 years, when the radius of the sun has lost only five one-hundredths of its diameter and merely 500 degrees C. of its temperature, the temperature of the equator will have fallen to zero centigrade and the entire earth will be frozen. Biologic evolution, which ascends into the past for a million years, may descend into the future for an equal period of time.

Moreover, the energy of the sun, whence proceeds our terrestrial energy, will be then diminished by only one-tenth. Mankind will doubtless by that time have long been capable of capturing this energy directly, or transforming it as the chlorophyll of plants so admirably does, of making it serve perhaps for several million years longer to sustain his life and the development of his thought.

MADE FRIENDS FOR COLONIES

Benjamin Franklin's Successful Diplomacy in France Meant Much to Young Country.

The first diplomat to represent the United States at a foreign court was Benjamin Franklin, who acted in Paris as official "agent" of the infant republic in France. The crossing of the Atlantic in the sloop Reprisal had occupied over a month, and Doctor Franklin had had many thrilling escapes from pursuing British vessels. Franklin was given a cordial reception in France, although his refusal to wear a sword or wig when presented at court shocked the fashionables. The greatest writers and philosophers of that golden age in France delighted to honor Doctor Franklin, and even the venerable Voltaire paid tribute to the genius of the American. Franklin remained in France nine years. At first he was merely the agent of "the American rebels," and had no official diplomatic standing, but even in this capacity he had sufficient influence to bring about the treaty of alliance between France and the Colonies, which had so profound a moral effect on the Revolutionary struggle. He raised a large amount of money in France, and after the signing of the treaty became the first American minister to that country.

Splendid Fossil Collection.

Smithsonian Institution has been enriched by a box and a half of specimens taken during the last summer from the Burgess Pass fossil quarry in British Columbia, which was discovered less than two years ago. The work was done mainly by Secretary Wolcott of the Institution, and his wife. In two months a section of the quarry 100 feet square was taken out, practically exhausting the site which has yielded some of the finest specimens of middle Cambrian fossils yet discovered and the finest invertebrate fossils yet found in any formation. Large blocks of hard shale were first blasted loose, then carefully split with chisel and hammer to expose any fossil remains between the laminae. The shale has preserved for some twenty million years animals that were as soft and nonresistant as jellyfish, worms, crabs, etc., notwithstanding all the vicissitudes these rocks have since undergone from the time they were simply hardened mud. They have been subjected to much pressure and profound chemical change, but the fossils remain perfect.

Dorothy Gish in "Turning the Tables"—Idlehour Sunday.—adv.

NATIONAL

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January Clearance SALE



of Suits, Coats, Dresses, Furs, Skirts and Blouses. On sale at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES. All winter merchandise must be closed out regardless of former prices, to make room for spring merchandise coming in.

Winter Coats \$20.00 and up

Just imagine so low a price as that for a pretty, well tailored, warm coat, and you are getting the pick of our regular high quality coats. These coats are in all the fashionable shades; all sizes. There are styles that fit and look well on all figures. Many handsome browns, a number of Pekin, Navy, Oxford, French Blue and Morocco. Some are lined to the waist with satin. Collars are of seal, plush or self-material. Trimmings are novelty, buttons to match the fabric colorings. Sizes for both women and misses.



Sale of Dresses

Serge, Tricotine and Silk

\$18 to \$35

This is one of the greatest sales of Dresses that has ever been offered in Alma. We invite your inspection of these dresses and ask you to judge for yourself and we'll vouch that you'll find that we are not exaggerating with our assertion.

The styles are fashionable and the colors are the popular ones that are being worn today. The materials include Satins, Crepe, Tricolettes and Serges. There is plenty to select from, but we would suggest your coming early, cause they're not going to last long.

Men's Overcoats

\$32.50 AND UP

We have a large selection of Men's Overcoats that arrived late and to reduce the stock, we are putting a price on them that will make it an object for any enterprising man or young man to select one of these and save it until next winter. You know the style changes very little from season to season.

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